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Petition for Extension of Time

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time of three (3) months from the original response date of February 15, 2008 for responding to the outstanding Office Action in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes April 29, 2008.

If any additional charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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